

going to have them located in their jurisdiction will be making a pure choice, a knowledgeable and informed choice before any of these things happen and most importantly that if this amendment is attached, and if the bill is advanced, that everything stops, all of the machines stop functioning until the regulatory commission is put in place and until the voters of the jurisdiction vote specifically that they want electronic video machines. I would urge at this time to...if you would adopt my amendment to my amendment, so that we can put at least my amendment in the form that I would like to present it to the body.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Now we are on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Hefner, your light came on. Did you want to speak to the amendment? Okay. Senator DeCamp, did you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment? Senator Higgins, the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. For all the time we have debated legalizing video lotteries and allowing the people of this state to make their own choice on whether or not they choose to spend their entertainment money on the horses, on the pickles, on the bingo, or on a video game lottery, I think Senator Hannibal has come up with the fairest and the very best of ideas to regulate this industry, and most of all, to consider the people that we represent. I think that allowing each governmental subdivision, whether it be a city or a county, the people there to decide if they want to have video lotteries is probably the finest thing that Senator Hannibal has done to my knowledge since he has been in the Legislature. It goes against my grain to think 25 of us can sit here and tell the entire population of the State of Nebraska what they may or may not do and I recognize, as Senator Hannibal does, that there are certain districts in this state that are violently opposed to drinking, and that there is a certain district in the state that might be violently opposed to gambling, and this truly leaves each area the choice to preserve their own beliefs in those areas where they do not accept it, they will not have to. They won't have it shoved down their throats by 25 senators. The people in that county or in that city or that subdivision will be the ultimate and final